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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An optical pickup apparatus used in an optical data
recording/reproducing apparatus for reading/reproducing
data on an optical recording medium, including a light
source, a diffracting device configured to transmit a
light beam and to diffract a light beam reflected from the
optical recording medium, an optical device having a
reflecting portion and a transmitting portion configured
to reflect one part of the light beam emitted from the
light source and to transmit another part of the light
15 beam to the optical recording medium and from the optical
recording medium, and a photodetecting device to detect
the light beam from the optical recording medium for
signal light detection, and the light beam reflected by
the reflecting portion of the optical device for monitor
20 light detection of the light source.